

## HOUSING AUTHORITY of the County of Los Angeles

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The Honorable Board of Commissioners Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Commissioners:

# **ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

1-H August 4, 2015

PATRICK OZAWA

ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ACCEPT A \$226,672 CAPITAL FUND EMERGENCY SAFETY AND SECURITY GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (DISTRICT 2) (3 VOTE)

## **SUBJECT**

This letter recommends the acceptance of a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) \$226,672 Capital Fund Emergency Safety and Security Grant. The grant will assist the Housing Authority in furthering its security and safety measures at nine scattered Public Housing sites in unincorporated Los Angeles County.

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Authorize the Executive Director to accept and incorporate up to \$226,672 in Capital Fund Emergency Safety and Security grant funds into the Housing Authority's approved Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget, and to take any and all related actions necessary to receive and expend these funds from HUD.
- 2. Find that the acceptance and incorporation of these funds is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the action does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

## PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this action is to authorize the Housing Authority to accept from HUD a \$226,672 Capital Fund Emergency Safety and Security grant for additional security measures at nine South Scattered Sites located at: 11025 Wilton Place, 1928 E. El Segundo Boulevard, 2140 E. El Segundo

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Boulevard, 2141 E. El Segundo Boulevard, 11431 S. Normandie Avenue, 230 E. 130th Street, 1320 W. 107th Street, 1101-1109 W. 91st Street, and 1239-1245 W. 109th Street.

#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no impact on the County general fund. The Housing Authority has been awarded a \$226,672 Capital Fund Emergency Safety and Security grant to be incorporated into the Housing Authority's approved Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget.

#### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On January 23, 2015, HUD notified all Public Housing Agencies of the Fiscal Year 2015 Emergency Safety and Security grant funding available with a March 20, 2015 application deadline. The Housing Authority applied for the grant on March 2, 2015 and was notified of the award on May 18, 2015.

Funds will be utilized for additional security fencing, six new closed-circuit television (CCTV) camera systems, increased lighting, and improved vehicle and pedestrian security at nine South Scattered Sites with a total of 250 units. The new CCTV camera systems, lighting, and security fencing will prevent and deter criminal activity, drug sales, and property crime. Additionally, the CCTV cameras provide crucial documentation of criminal activity and assist with the successful prosecution of criminal and civil cases.

Upon the grant award notification, HUD required the Executive Director to execute and submit an Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) Amendment. The Housing Authority submitted the ACC Amendment to HUD on May 28, 2015 to reserve the grant funds.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

Pursuant to Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 58.35 (b) (3), this action is excluded from the National Environmental Policy Act because it involves operational activities, including security, which will not alter existing environmental conditions. The action is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 because it involves negligible or no expansion of use beyond what currently exists and does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

## **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This Capital Fund Emergency Safety and Security grant will enable the Housing Authority to continue providing a safe environment for its residents.

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Respectfully submitted,

**SEAN ROGAN** 

**Executive Director** 

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